

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christopher SPEIRS et al. Confirmation No: 3605  
Appl. No. : 10/581,595  
Filed : February 23, 2007  
Title : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS FOR  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
  
TC/A.U. : 1616  
Examiner : Hong Yu  
  
Docket No. : SPEI3003/ESS/LES  
Customer No. : 23364

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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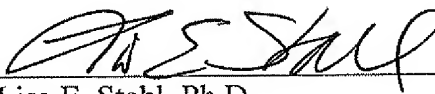
Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for three (3) months to September 17, 2010.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(c) for a three month extension of time is \$555. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

Also submitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in connection with the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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